

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
June 21, 2022

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on June 21, 2022, following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath - Chair
Jeff Harris – Vice Chair
Spencer Barker
Beth Bline
Ms. Hottinger

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 22-57** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO SELL APPROXIMATELY 65,630 BOARD FEET OF TIMBER LOCATED ON PART OR ALL OF PARCEL #'S 4815989400000, 5528271400000, 5528277400000, 5515860000000, AND 5515860200000 LOCATED OFF OF E. MAIN STREET AND ECOLOGY ROW IN A PORTION OF Q3, LOTS 3 AND 4 OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK IN MADISON TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

David Rhodes, Service Director – About a year ago we took a look around and lumber prices were rising, they are still high, not quite as high as they were. So we began to look around the city to see where we could do some timbering. Timbering is not new to the City it was done when I was on Council, in fact that paid for part of the pool. So, we, when I see we, this has really been led by Jeff Hotchkiss and his assistant Chance Patznick, they've been the ones on the ground identifying things. We got with a forester and identified the breeds of the trees, the heights of the trees and the width of the trees and then we got estimates on what we thought they should bring in. After we did that we put a light bid out to see if we were close or not and the City will net somewhere around \$190,000.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Harris, second by Mr. Barker

Ms. Bline – What will be done with the vacant property?

Director Rhodes – There will still be timber there. We're not clearing.

Mr. Rath – So this is a selective cut.

Director Rhodes – Some trees have higher values than others, plus this will kind of clear it out and keep people from camping there.

Mr. Rath – What does this have to do with preserving the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Newark to declare an emergency?

Director Rhodes – Great question, before the prices fall I want to lock in.

Motion passed 5-0

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair